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National Prescription Take-Back Day Offered Locally

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – On Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Drug Enforcement Agency and its partners will hold their second National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day at sites throughout California. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked. City residents have a local disposal option at the Riverside County Sheriff's Department - Jurupa Valley Sheriff Station, located at: 7477 Mission Blvd, Riverside CA, 92509.

The City's Public Works Department wants to remind residents about the benefits and importance of proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. In the past, people have been instructed to flush medication down the toilet to prevent harm to children and animals. Flushing is no longer the recommended disposal method; it can have adverse effects on our environment. The "No Drugs Down the Drain" program dissuades people from flushing unused prescription and over-the-counter medication down a toilet or drain by providing alternative disposal methods.

By having a local disposal option available, these potentially dangerous prescription drugs, particularly controlled substances, are being removed from our nation's medicine cabinets and waterways. This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue.

For more information go the Web sites:

http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

<http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org/> or

<http://www.riversideca.gov/cure/medications.asp>

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